

„Fauna Lepidopterologica Volgo-Uralensis“ 150 years later:  
Changes and additions.

Part 12. Ethmiidae et Scythrididae

(Insecta, Lepidoptera)  
by

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**Summary:** 15 species of the Ethmiidae and 46 of the Scythrididae are listed for the modern Volgo-Ural fauna. 56 species are recorded from the region in addition to EVERSMANN's list of 1844. A distribution of most species of Ethmiidae in the Region is shown on maps.

**Introduction:** This paper is the 12<sup>th</sup> in a series of publications<sup>1</sup>, dealing with the composition of the present-day fauna of Ethmiidae and Scythrididae in the Middle Volga and the south-western Cisurals. This region comprises of the administrative divisions of Astrakhan-, Volgograd-, Saratov-, Samara-, Uljanovsk-, Orenburg-, Uralsk- and Atyraus- (=Gurjev) Districts, together with Tataria and Bashkiria. As was accepted in previous parts of this series, only material reliably labelled and spanning the last 25-50 years was used for this study. The main collections are those of the authors: V. ANIKIN (Saratov and Astrakhan Distr. and Kalmyk Republic), S. SACHKOV (Samara Distr.) and V. ZOLOTUHIN (Uljanovsk and Astrakhan Distr.). All the data from the XIX and early XX Centuries was taken into account but only as a reference (PALLAS, 1771; REBEL, 1901; KRULIKOWSKY, 1908; KRULIKOWSKY, 1915; see also other parts of the cycle). Whilst completing this list we also took advantage of the information from recent papers on this region (NUPPONEN et al., 2000; SACHKOV, 1998, 1999, 2000a, 2000b, 2002, 2004, 2005; SACHKOV et al., 1996 and others) and from taxonomic monographs – on ethmidids (SATTLER, 1967) and on scythridid moths (BENGSSON, 1997) which were partly critically reviewed and revised. The material in the collections of the Zoological Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences at St. Petersburg and partly of the Moscow State University have also been examined for our study. Also the private collections of V. KUPAYEV (Samara) and D. D. KOMAROV (Volgograd) were studied and some material on scythridid and ethmiid moths was collected and kindly put at our disposal by T. TROFIMOVA from Bashkiria and Orenburg District, to whom we express our sincere thanks.

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In the text we follow systems proposed by B. BENGTSSON (1997) for Scythrididae with additions made by S. Sachkov for species newly described and by T. RIEDL (1996) for Ethmiidae. The list of food plants are taken from the works cited if not specially pointed.

For the ease of use, information is given in the form of a table, with the principal data of all species mentioned from the Volgo-Ural region. Many localities have been renamed during the last 150 years, the most important ones being listed below:

Uralsk - later Chkalov - now Uralsk  
Samara - later Kujbyshev - now Samara  
Simbirsk - now Uljanovsk  
Sarepta - now Krasnoarmejsk of the Volgograd District  
Waskuntschatskoi - usually noted as Baskunchak (Astrakhan District)  
Zarizyn or Tsarizyn - later Stalingrad - now Volgograd.

Note: Spassk, usually interpreted as EVERSMANN's estate not far from Orenburg, really might be also a town that disappeared under the Volga's water during the erection of the hydroelectrostations and the following increasing of waters area. Before that Spassk had been situated in about 82 km ESE Kasan on the left bank of Volga.

Notes on the table:

**column 1:** Species number

- species is deleted from the list

**column 2:** Species name

**column 3:** Species listed by EVERSMANN (1844) within the regional limits of that territory

**column 4 - 10:** Administrative units

4 Astrakhan District (centre is Astrakhan)

5 Volgograd district (Volgograd)

6 Saratov district (Saratov)

7 Samara district (Samara)

8 Uljanovsk district (Uljanovsk)

9 Bashkiria (Ufa)

10 Uralsk district (Uralsk)

+ species is present

- species not found during this study

? species is known from old or doubtful data

o type locality

**column 11:** Flight periods

IV -XI - months

b, m, e - beginning, middle, end of month

1 (2) G - species develops 1 (2) generation(s)

W - winter hibernation

**column 12:** Comments and larval foodplants

L: larval hostplants, \*indicating original data

TL: type locality

E: EVERSMANN

Species	E A V S S U B U V S O A A L A R E T L R M J S A R R G A A A H L S A O T R N K S Flight Comments M K G O A O I K period A H R V V R N A A S I N N D K A										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	11	12
	ETHMIIDAE										
	1	<i>Ethmia vittalbella</i> CHRISTOPH, 1877	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	eVI in 1G	Very rare in steppe biotopes. TL: "Tura" L.: unknown.
	2	<i>Ethmia dodecea</i> (HAWORTH, 1828) (=decemguttella HÜBNER, [1810]) Map 1	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	VI-VII in 1G	Not common in forest-steppe biotopes, edges and forest glades. L.: <i>Lithospermum officinale</i> .
	3	<i>Ethmia quadrillella</i> (GOEZE, 1783) (=funerella FABRICIUS, 1787) Map 2	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	mVI- VII in 1G	Not rare but local in various biotopes (from wet meadows to dry steppes). L.: <i>Sympyrum officinale</i> , <i>Pulmonaria obscura</i> , <i>Lithospermum officinale</i> , <i>Myosotis</i> .
	4	<i>Ethmia fumidella</i> (WOCKE, 1850)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	?	Noted by KRULIKOWSKY (1908) from Kazan. We have no fresh material, but its finding here is high possible. L.: unknown.
	5	<i>Ethmia candidella</i> (ALPHÉRAKY, 1908) Map 2	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	mVIII- IX in 1G?	Very rare in dry and sandy steppes. TL: [Taganrog]. L.: <i>Lithospermum purpureo- caeruleum</i> , <i>Cerinthe major</i> , <i>Borago officinalis</i> , <i>Asperugo procumbens</i> , <i>Echium pustu- latum</i> .
	6	<i>Ethmia pusiella</i> (LINNAEUS, 1758) Map 3	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	?	VII- bVIII in 1G

## SCYTHRIDIDAE

1	<i>Scythris cuspisella</i> ([DENIS & SCHIFFERMÜLLER], 1775)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	VI-VII in 1G	Noted by KRULIKOWSKY (1908) from Kazan and by KLEPIKOV (1999) for
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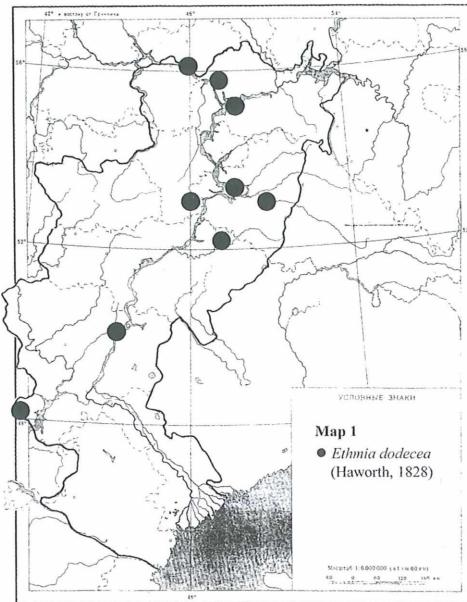


														2000. L.: <i>Gypsophila fastigiata</i> .
10	<i>Scythris bifissella</i> (HOFMANN, 1889)	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	eV-mVII	Very rare and local in dry steppes. Also noted from Chelyabinsk Region by NUPPONEN & al., 2000. L.: unknown.			
11	<i>Scythris aegrella</i> K. NUPPONEN & JUNILAINEN, 2000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	VI in 1G	LT: Russia, Orenburg Area, 8 km E Novoiletzk. In lowland <i>Artemisia</i> steppe in the zone where the steppe changes to a wet meadow. L.: unknown.			
12	<i>Scythris pudorinella</i> (MÖSCHLER, 1866)	-	-	o	+	-	+	-	-	eV-bVI in 1G	Rare in dry steppes. Also noted from Chelyabinsk Region by NUPPONEN & al., 2000. LT: Sarepta. L.: unknown.			
13	<i>Scythris subaerariella</i> (STAINTON, 1867)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	mVI in 1G	Is known from Orenburg region (NUPPONEN & al., 2000); has to be found in the region under consideration. L.: unknown.			
14	<i>Scythris satyrella</i> (STAUDINGER, 1880)	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	?	No material in our disposal. Noted from Sarepta by BENGTSSON (1997: pl. 4, fig. 17). L.: unknown.			
15	<i>Scythris clavella</i> (ZELLER, 1855)	-	+	o	+	+	+	+	-	eV-mVII in 1- ?2G	Very often in various opened landscapes. LT: Sarepta. L.: <i>Helianthemum nummularium</i> .			
16	<i>Scythris productella</i> (ZELLER, 1839)	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	b-mVI in 1G	Comparatively rare in dry meadows. Also is noted from Chelyabinsk Region by NUPPONEN & al., 2000. L.: <i>Origanum</i> (Bengtsson, 1997).			
17	<i>Scythris sinensis</i> (FELDER & ROGENHOFER, 1875)	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	IV-VI; VIII-IX in 2G	Not rare but very locally in dry opened places including anthropogenic landscapes. L.: <i>Chenopodium album</i> .			
18	<i>Scythris anomaloptera</i> (STAUDINGER, 1880)	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	mV-bVI in 1G	Very rare and local in dry steppes. L.: unknown.			
19	<i>Scythris flaviventrella</i> (HERRICH-SCHÄFFER,	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	V-mVII	Not rare but local in dry steppes and meadows.			

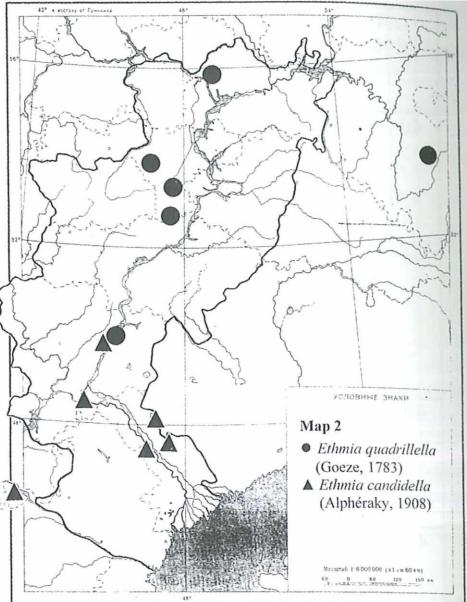
	1855)								in 1G	Also noted from Chelyabinsk Region by NUPPONEN & al., 2000. L.: <i>Vicia</i> .
20	<i>Scythris cretacella</i> K. & T NUPPONEN, 2000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	bVI in 1G	LT: Russia, Orenburg Area, 20 km S vill. Pokrovka. In wide <i>Artemisia austriaca</i> steppe. Has to be found in the region. L.: unknown.
21	<i>Scythris inspersella</i> (HÜBNER, [1817])	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	eVII- bVIII in 1G	Very rare and local in meadows. L.: <i>Epilobium angustifolium</i> .
22	<i>Scythris noricella</i> (ZELLER, 1843)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	VI- bVIII in 1G	Noted by KRULIKOWSKY (1908) from Kazan. We have no fresh material. L.: <i>Epilobium angustifolium</i> .
23	<i>Scythris inertella</i> (ZELLER, 1855) (=gürdella CHRISTOPH, 1877)	-	-	?	?	-	-	-	?	We have no material in our disposal. L.: <i>Atriplex</i> .
24	<i>Scythris gozmanyi</i> PASSERIN D'ENTRÈVES, 1986	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	mVI- mVII	Rare and very local in calcareous steppes. Also noted from Chelyabinsk Region by NUPPONEN & al., 2000. L.: unknown.
25	<i>Scythris disparella</i> (TENGSTRÖM, 1848)	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	bVII in 1G	Steppe biotopes. Is known from Chelyabinsk Area, Berlin (NUPPONEN & al., 2000); has to be found in the region under consideration. L.: unknown.
26	<i>Scythris laminella</i> ([DENIS & SCHIFFERMÜLLER], 1775)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	VI in 1G	Noted by KRULIKOWSKY (1908) for Kazan. We have no material. L.: <i>Rhytidadelphus squarrosus</i> , <i>Hieracium pilosella</i> .
27	<i>Scythris braschiella</i> (HOFMANN, 1898)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	mVII in 1G	Steppe biotopes. Is known from Chelyabinsk Area, Moskovo (NUPPONEN & al., 2000); has to be found in the region under consideration. L.: <i>Armeria maritima</i> .
28	<i>Scythris mikkolai</i> SINEV, 1993	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	VII in 1G	Comparatively rare in dry meadows. L.: unknown.
29	<i>Scythris karinupponenii</i> BENGSSON, 2000	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	VII in 1G	LT: Russia, Cheljabinsk oblast near by Moskovo. In forest steppe and open steppe habitat.

30	<i>Scythris sublaminella</i> K. & T. NUPPONEN, 2000 (= <i>xerostephella</i> SATSHKOV, 2000; = <i>mediovulgensis</i> SATSHKOV, 2000)	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	eV- mVI: mVIII in 2?G	Very rare in steppe biotopes. In lowland <i>Artemisia</i> steppes, preferably close to wet vegeta- tion. LT: Russia, Orenburg Area, 20 km S Mednogorsk. LT for <i>xerostephella</i> and <i>me- diolvulgensis</i> : Gryzly of Sam- ara Area. L.: unknown.
31	<i>Scythris palustris</i> (ZELLER, 1855) (= <i>mattiacea</i> RÖSSLER, 1866)	-	-	-	?	-	-	-	?	No material in our disposal. L.: hostplant in the region is unknown.
32	<i>Scythris tributella</i> (ZELLER, 1847)	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	VI in 1G	Not rare but local in steppes. Also noted from Chelyabinsk Region by NUPPONEN & al., 2000. L.: probably <i>Coronilla varia</i> .
33	<i>Scythris luxatiella</i> K. NUPPONEN & KAITILA, 2000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	eVI- bVII in 1G	On dry spots with low vegeta- tion. LT: Russia, Orenburg Area, Troitzkiy reserve near vill. Berlin. L.: unknown.
34	<i>Scythris ericotella</i> (HEINEMANN, 1872)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	mVII in 1G	Is known from Chelyabinsk Area, Moskovo (NUPPONEN & al., 2000); has to be found in the region under considera- tion. L.: <i>Calluna vulgaris</i> , <i>Erica</i> .
35	<i>Scythris grandipennis</i> (HAWORTH, 1828)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	VI-VII in 1G	Noted by KRULIKOWSKY (1908) for Kazan. We have no material. L.: <i>Ulex</i> , <i>Genista</i> .
36	<i>Scythris kasyi</i> HANNEMANN, 1962	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	mVI in 1G	Very local and rare in sandy steppes. Is known also from Baimak (NUPPONEN & al., 2000). L.: unknown.
37	<i>Scythris eversmanni</i> K. & T. NUPPONEN, 2000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	eV- mVI in 1G	LT: Russia, Orenburg Area, 6 km W vill. Donskoje. In hot, gravely spots with sparse vegetation in steppes. L.: unknown.
38	<i>Scythris fallacella</i> (SCHLÄGER, 1847)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	VII in 1?G	Noted by KRULIKOWSKY (1908) from Kazan. We have no material. L.: <i>Helianthemum</i> .
39	<i>Scythris remexella</i> K. NUPPONEN & KAITILA, 2000	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	eIV- mVII in 1G	On dry, hot lowland steppes with <i>Artemisia austriaca</i> . LT: Russia, Orenburg Area,

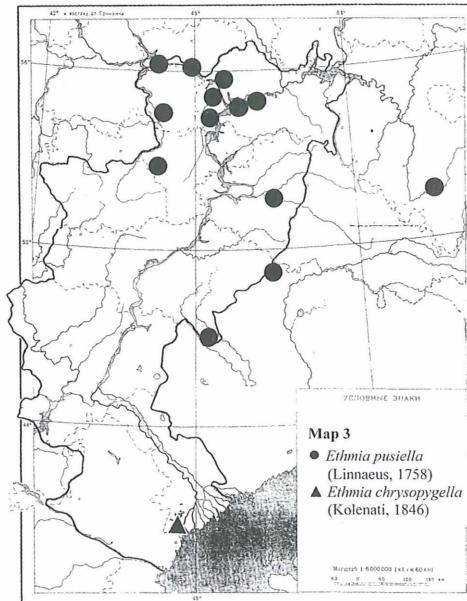
	(= <i>verae</i> SATSHKOV, 2000)									12 km SE vill. Kuvandyk. LT of <i>verae</i> : vill. Vyazovka in 160 km S of Ulyanovsk. L.: unknown.
40	<i>Scythris albisaxella</i> K. & T. NUPPONEN, 2000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	VI in 1G	LT: Russia, Orenburg Area, 20 km S vill. Pokrovka. In wide <i>Artemisia austriaca</i> steppe. L.: unknown.
41	<i>Scythris arkaimensis</i> BENGTSSON, 2000	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	eV- bVI in 1G	Very rare and local in steppe habitat. LT: Russia, Chelyabinsk Area, Arkaim reserve near vill. Amurskiy. L.: unknown.
42	<i>Scythris acipenserella</i> K. & T. NUPPONEN, 2000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	eVI in 1G	LT: Russia, Orenburg Area, 20 km S vill. Pokrovka. In large <i>Artemisia austriaca</i> steppe. L.: unknown.
43	<i>Scythris brunneofasciella</i> K. NUPPONEN & JUN-NILAINEN, 2000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	b-mVI in 1G	LT: Russia, Orenburg Area, 20 km S vill. Pokrovka. On hot, southern slopes with very sparse vegetation. L.: unknown.
44	<i>Scythris olschwangi</i> K. & T. NUPPONEN, 2000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	bVI in 1G	LT: Russia, Orenburg Area, 20 km S vill. Pokrovka. In wide <i>Artemisia austriaca</i> steppe. L.: unknown.
45	<i>Parascythris muelleri</i> (MANN, 1871)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	mVI in 1G	Is known from Chelyabinsk and Orenburg Regions (NUPPONEN & al., 2000); has to be found in the region under consideration. L.: unknown.
46	<i>Eretmocera medinella</i> (STAUDINGER, 1859)	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	m-eVI in 1G	Also is known from Orenburg region (NUPPONEN & al., 2000). L.. <i>Suaeda</i> .
	Total		1	3	8	13	8	21	8	1
			7	6	15	21	13	28	12	6



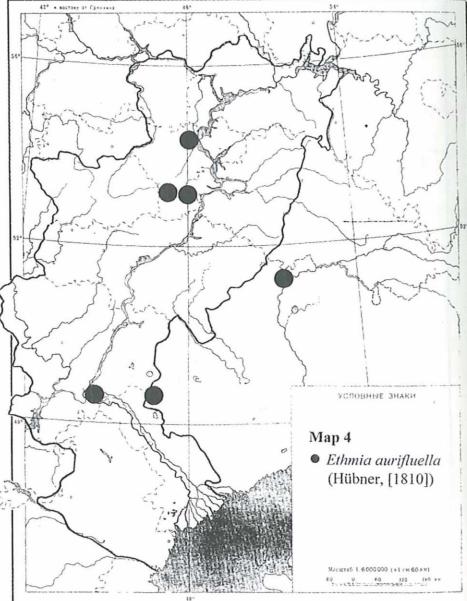
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● *Ethmia dodecea*  
(Haworth, 1828)



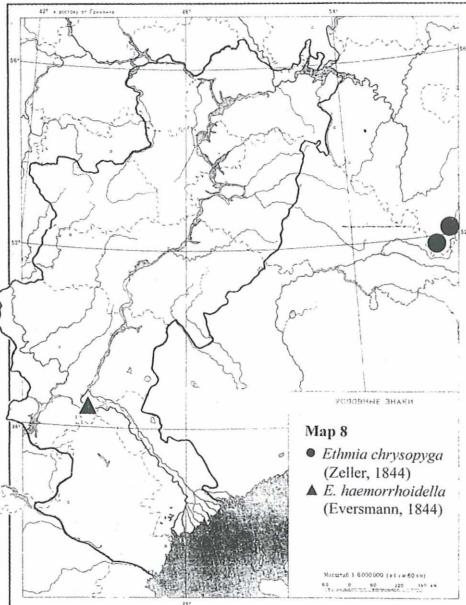
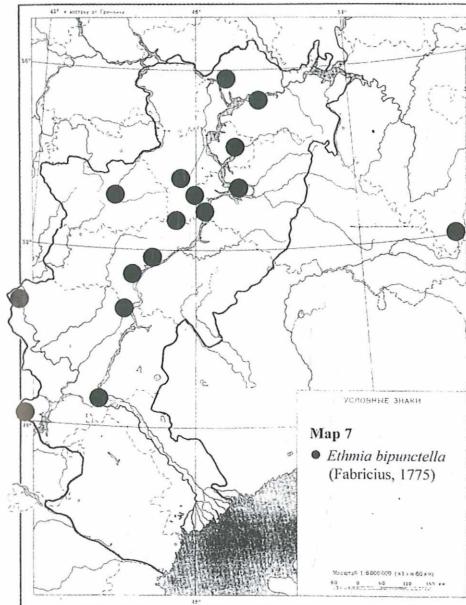
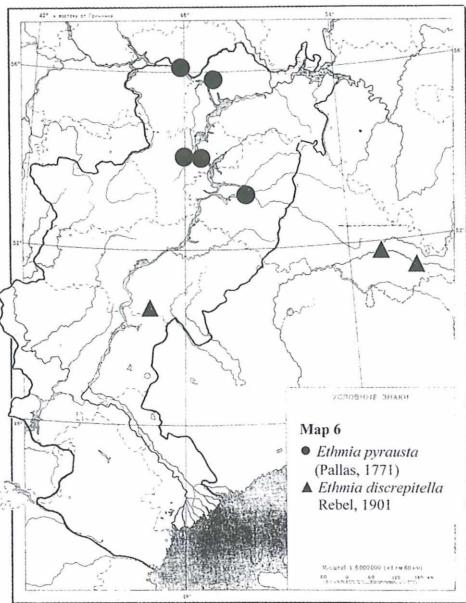
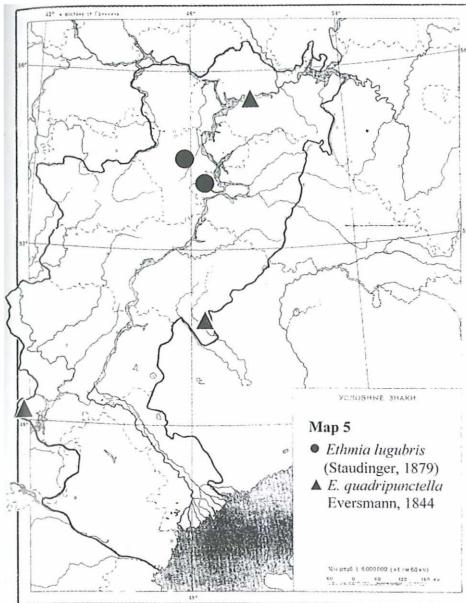
Map 2  
● *Ethmia quadrillella*  
(Goze, 1783)  
▲ *Ethmia candidella*  
(Alphéraky, 1908)



Map 3  
● *Ethmia pusiella*  
(Linnaeus, 1758)  
▲ *Ethmia chrysopygella*  
(Kolenati, 1846)



Map 4  
● *Ethmia aurifluella*  
(Hübner, 1810)



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